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## Sumner

Corn husking ends and skating begins.

Got your New Years resolutions all made yet?

George Conger has returned to his home from Mitchell South Dakota.

Sumner contends that she is still the liveliest town in the county. Lets hear from some of the other towns.

This is Christmas Holiday week and the school kids are giving the rabbits the race of their lives.

Having sold his farm here and bought one near Marceline, Floyd Scherer is eagerly waiting for spring to come.

G. A. Southerland, who has been long in the hardware and implement business in this section, has sold out to a man from Kansas City.

Lester Roberts, the hustling lumber man here, is to move to Norborne and Alex Stobaugh takes his place in the lumber yard. We are sorry to lose this live wire from our midst, but feel confident that Mr. Stobaugh will fill his place well.

Miss Anna Ruth Burns spent the holidays with home folks.

Barney Clevinger of Mo. City visited his brother Ralph here the first of the week, the latter being night operator at the station.

A hop at the Ernst Monday night was well attended and a fine time reported by all. The night was ideal for a dance, the music good and plenty of it and everybody in the humor.

Stenog pupils at C. B. C. and home for the holidays in this county are; Misses Zettie Sneed, Ida Britt, Mabel Zimmerman, Susie Atterberry, Katherine Brunner, Edna B. Bryant, Carrie Pumpfrey.

A position as rural carrier of the mails at Dalton will be filled by an examination to be held at Marceline and Salisbury January 22. Forward applications to The United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. at the earliest practicable date.

John Fuqua left Wednesday for Winslow Ari. where he will make his home. He has relatives there and besides the climate offered attractions. Mr. Fuqua has been the leading architect and contractor in this community for years, some of the best as well as most ornamental buildings having been built by him or under his supervision. He is a native and has spent all the years of his life here, and it will be a deep loss to the community when he takes up his abode in the far west. Regretting his departure, the entire community will wish the 'old timer' health and prosperity, - and a better half.

Observance of Christmas in this berg was limited and the racket from fire-crackers and other sources of conflagrations much less than in former years. Each of the churches had a Christmas tree and good attendance at distribution of gifts, many little fellows and some larger ones being made happy who would otherwise likely had no reason to believe Santa a reality. Jollification was scattered but the wherewith to jolly appeared to be fairly distributed and equitable tho its effect was much greater on some than on others. But with all, interest in proper celebration of the greatest day known among men is on the wane and the same may be said of July 4 and Thanksgiving days. Inspiration of some sort or another is lacking.

## New Lodge Rebekahs

Miss Ethel A. Langford of Jamesport, Mo. State President Rebekahs, assisted by Mrs. May Hughes of Bucklin organized a lodge of Rebekahs here Wednesday night with 39 members for a start. A banquet was spread for a large attendance and the number was surely on hand. The officers elected for the new lodge are: Mrs. M. S. Walther, N. G., Miss Leona Sleyster, V. G. Mrs. Trammel Nix, warden, Miss Anna Young, secretary.

A team from Salisbury put on the work splendidly and a vote of thanks was tendered. A number of I. O. O. F's. from every part of the county were present.

## Reunion of 1920 Seniors

The class of 1920 Seniors of K. H. S. were delightfully entertained by Miss Irene Gordon Tuesday evening at her home. During the evening the guests enjoyed music and various games. At a suitable hour the guests were served a two course luncheon. Most of the members of last years graduating class of 18 members were present. At a late hour all departed wishing for similar reunions in years to come.

Cal Hubbard was on hand for the holidays until Sunday when he returned to Kansas City.

Courtney Miller is badly crippled with a broken ankle obtained in a foot ball game.

Mrs. Ella Moredock is a holiday guest of her brother Hon. H. C. Minter and family.

Mrs. S. A. Miller of DeWitt and Mrs. Giles of Kansas were holiday guests of Mrs. J. T. Dewey.

Voorheis Richeson who is attending college at Fayette was a guest last week of his brother, Rev. Richeson.

Joe Kuhler moved Wednesday from northeast of town to the farm he purchased north of Dalton.

Miss Kathryn Forrest of Kansas City came Monday for a visit to her grandmother Mrs. Robt. Lewis and her friend Miss Margarite Bunton.

Will White drove from Jefferson City in his flivver the latter part of last week and is enjoying the holidays with relatives and friends. The popular young man is looking well and evidently feeling the same.

A big wagon load of goodies from Brunswick was deposited at the home of Rev. Stockard Christmas eve, Christmas tokens from his friends. Rev. and Mrs. Stockard and daughters acknowledge the gifts with much pleasure and good thots of the donors.

One of our society young men was invited to a mythical party Tuesday evening. He presented himself in his best array and the handsome girl he supposed had invited him was as much chagrined as he. Two other pretty girls perpetrated the hoax.

A Dressed porker and a box of oranges were the biggest Christmas packages received by Rev. and Mrs. Richeson tho a number of others came to them, all of which was and is most highly appreciated.

Robert E and Mrs. Hurt packed up the greater part of their belongings and sent them to their future home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hart south of town. The jail will be ready for its new superintendent Saturday morning and the duties of sheriff fell on capable and attentive shoulders of Al Wilks.

## 100 Years Old Tomorrow First County Seat at Old Chariton. Chraneville Came Near Being Keytesville. James Keyte Plucked the Plum. Sites of Court House and Jail Fixed in Opposite Sides of Town.

Tomorrow is the first day of the new year, and likewise, Chariton County will be 100 years old. The act defining the limits of the county was approved by the governor on Nov. 16, 1820, but by the terms of the act of the legislature, the law should not become effective until January 1, 1821. Missouri was organized as a territory in 1812, but on account of the fierce contest that was waged on the question as to whether it should be admitted as a slave state or a free state, it was not until August 10, 1821, that the proclamation was issued that made it a state, and then only after a bitter contest.

In October 1812, the territorial Governor of the state issued a proclamation, by which the five territorial districts of Cape Girardeau, New Madrid, with the district of Arkansas attached; St. Charles, St. Genevieve and St. Louis had been re-organized as counties.

Howard County was organized in 1816, the then northern boundary being now what is the northern line of the state; and by the act organizing Chariton County was included Boone, Callaway, Cole, Gasconade, Millard, now Lafayette, Perry, Ralls, Ray and Saline.

An examination of the various names applied to some of the counties in the state, demonstrates that war and politics has played an important part in the names of various counties. Henry was first called Rives, Cass, VanBuren, Dallas, Niangua, Camden, Kinderhook, Atchison,

Allen, Texas, Ashley, Sullivan, Highland, Putman, Dodge, McDonald, Seneca, Johnson, Donaldson, Lafayette, Lillard.

The organization of Chariton into a separate county then included parts of Linn, Sullivan, Putnam, Schuyler, Adair and Macon.

Richard Woodson, Lawson Dunnington, Hiram Craig, William Pierce and Baylor Banks were appointed by the territorial legislature as commissioners, "with full power and authority to point out and fix upon the most suitable place in said county whereon to erect a court house and jail." The act declared that they, or a majority of them might agree upon the place of permanent seat of justice.

They selected the town of Chariton, about two miles north of where the City of Glasgow now is. About 1830, the County Court appointed another commission to select another site, and this commission selected a place on the lands now owned by William Emmerson, near Craneville, but nothing appears to have come of this, and finally, James Keyte, an Englishman, donated 50 acres of land where Keytesville is.

Some curious views were held and arrangements made by authorities in the County in the infant days of the County Seat. The Court house was built in the west line of the town and the jail two blocks east of the center. The North Mo. railroad was built 1 1/2 miles south of town and a hundred fifty thousand squandered on railroads never built.

## Obituary of Chas. E. Allen

Charles Edward Allen was born in Cumberland Co. Virginia Apr. 8 1838 died at his home two miles north of Rothville Chariton County, Mo. Dec. 21, after an illness of several months at the age of 82 years. When 12 years of age he came to Missouri where he made his home since.

He was married to Eliza M. Riddell in 1867 to which nine children were born four preceding him in death, his wife, two sons, Fountain of Independence, Mo. and Chas. S. of Brookfield, Mo. and three daughters, Mrs. Susan Venable of Brookfield, Mrs. Sterling Asbury of Rothville and Miss Mary at home, 22 grandchildren with a host of relatives and friends are left to mourn his departure.

He had lived on the farm where he died for 50 years. He united with the Baptist church 57 years ago and a deacon at the time of his death. He was a faithful and devoted christian and will be greatly missed not only by his family but by all who knew him.

He also left one brother James F. of Marshall and one sister Mrs. T. J. L. Hutcheson.

Lee Wallace Cuddy and Ben Wood chaperoned a big party of skaters and sliders Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. D. Moorman, daughter Jean, Mrs. Bettie Prosser and son Moorman and Miss Attie Moorman went to Brunswick Tuesday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Smith for a few days.

## Pioneer Dead.

Emanuel Sterner who came to this county from Randolph county soon after the civil war, was born near Manchester, Md. Sept. 29 1831 and died Dec. 21 at the home of his daughter Mrs. C. L. Sears at Prairie Hill. Before coming west Mr. Sterner was united in marriage with Miss Emeline Hoffman who died in 1888. About 1892 was again married to Mrs. Ellen Sanders who with his children, Nathaniel of Mike, Samuel of Texas county Mo., A. G. of Illinois and Mrs. C. L. Sears and Mrs. Savanna Sims of Prairie Hill, survive him together with 28 grand children and 21 great grandchildren. For 54 years Emanuel Sterner was a member of the Christian church and an unobtrusive citizen whom all respected.

Funeral services and burial were conducted at Prairie Hill Wednesday, Elder F. L. Moody paying a high tribute to the character of the deceased and extolling the exemplary life of the rugged man whose kind has done so much for the elevation of human ideals.

Looking over blue laws makes a white man see red.

Probably there were never so many geese sacrificed to Xmas as last week. Turkey fits Thanksgiving alright and almost any other occasion, but a goose, "well stuffed with onions," Sol Smith Russell's favorite dish, plays a part in a Christmas dinner which cannot be properly and satisfactorily filled with a substitute.

## O.E.S. Feted

The men members of the local Order Eastern Star tendered the women members and a number of their masonic brethren who are not members a banquet, musical and play party Tuesday evening at masonic hall. A splendid banquet topped with several delicious turkeys was served to about 120 and post prandial remarks by several were much enjoyed. P.M. Frank Arrington was master of ceremonies and kept things going until a late hour. He was auctioneer of three roasted chickens with dressing all round each, left overs. He indicated by his remarks that he understood chickens pretty well and averred that tho men preferred chickens without dressing, he looked for high bidding on those he offered. Cigars, games and short speeches by a number added to the big banquet made the occasion one of the most enjoyable.

## Willis-Swearngin

Emmett Willis of Brunswick and Miss Edith Swearngin of this city celebrated Xmas by getting married Esquire W. G. Agee tying the Gordian knot for the young people.

The groom is in the employ of the Wabash at Brunswick and a young man of steady habits and industrious disposition and the bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Swearngin, a young woman of good repute among her acquaintances and a life-partner who will make home pleasant and otherwise a good place to live.

John Spence was here from Des Moines last week.

Irvin Gordon is home from Crystal City, Mo. for the holidays with homefolks.

Rabbits were a scarce article on our market Christmas eve and old hens were substituted by many.

Mrs. W. E. Williams went to Ava, Mo. last Friday to be with her daughter whose new born child died soon after birth.

Mrs. Lizzie Wayland and Miss Beulah Bennett arrived last Friday from Troy, Mo. for the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milt Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stowers and daughter Miss Esther arrived in time for Xmas turkey with homefolks. Frank left Monday for Kansas City and his job.

Miss Elise Pallme was forced to return to St. Louis to continue treatment for a diseased shoulder and left last Friday for an indefinite time. We regret exceedingly the loss of the valuable assistant in our office, but more the affliction which incapacitates her for office work.

Miss Marguerite Bunton arrived from Chillicothe last Friday but stopped Wednesday and Thursday enroute to visit young friends near Brunswick. The young lady lost her pocket book and music roll somewhere about Brunswick and would be grateful to the finder for their return to her at this city.

Clarence Littler said when here last week that it was no wonder that Tennessee went heavily republican since woman suffrage contributed so strongly to the election of Alf Taylor and all other republican aspirants for office. Littler said that the "grandfather" clause in the election law of Mississippi saved that state from being the worst negro dominated state in the union but with such restrictions general the south could hold her own.

## Seniors Again Entertained

Miss Ethlyn Fidler entertained the 1920 graduating class at her home Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. Music and various games made up the social period. This was also Miss Ethlyn's Eighteenth birthday which made the program more interesting. Luncheon was served which included a large birthday cake made for the occasion. All report the hostess a delightful entertainer.

## Smith-Maddox

Temple T. Smith, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith of this city and Miss Edith Maddox 16, daughter of Mrs. Walker Maddox of Rockford were united in marriage at Salisbury last Friday afternoon, Rev. Rice saying the ceremony. The young couple went to the home of the bride's mother where they will be at home to friends for a time. Monday afternoon the parents of the groom served a dinner for the pair and several of their many friends.

Temp. Smith is one of our hustling young men and popular in his set in town and country. He is worthy the confidence and respect of all and will make a model husband for his bonny bride, known as one of the popular and prepossessing young women of her neighborhood. While young she is versed in the art which makes all for a home and that she will be a helpmeet and joy to her husband, we confidently predict.

The Courier extends heartiest congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Agee jr. and Ben Agee returned Tuesday to Iowa.

Ambrose Rucker is home from engineering school at Columbia for the holidays.

Courtney Miller was a guest of his father Blair Miller and other relatives here during the holidays.

One out of every nine traveling salesmen secure divorce and one out of every 92 farmers are credited with separation from wife.

Elbert Anderson returned the first of the week from a trip to Montgomery City where Mrs. Anderson is visiting her homefolks.

Miss Margaret and Master James Davis were here in time for Xmas entertainments and the guest of their aunt, Miss Anna Young.

William Walther was home for Xmas and this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Walther. William is in the employ of a railroad and camped at Hannibal, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wilks and family moved into their new and handsome bungalow north of the court house Monday. This new building is one of the handsomest and completest residences in the city and a splendid ornament to that part of town.

Many have concluded, from what we published about the Dorrance case a few weeks ago that the last judgment might be reversed by the supreme court of the United States before which a motion for writ of certiorari on the United States Circuit Court is pending. Since the supreme court of the United States seldom reviews testimony, the writ may be denied unless some clear mistake has been made in construing the law governing such cases. If error in construing the law is shown by applicants of the writ, the case will be docketed and such question determined finally.